

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-15 are pending in this application. Claim 1-8 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 has been amended to clarify the invention and amended Claim 9 and new Claims 10 -15 all find support in Figures 11-13 and their description in the specification at pages 34-38, for example. Accordingly, the changes to the claims do not introduce any new matter.

The outstanding Official Action requested that the specification be reviewed to check for and correct minor errors and presented a rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,434).

In response to the request for review, the title has been changed to better reflect the claimed invention and minor errors detected in the specification are herein corrected without the introduction of any new matter.

Before considering the outstanding rejection, it is believed that a brief review of the present invention would be helpful. In this regard, the invention is directed to a member mounting apparatus that has an image forming lens unit held by a holding member, a solid state image input unit that photoelectrically converts images focused on it by the image forming lens unit, a light source that illuminates an object with an adjustment portion designed to aid in positioning adjustment of the solid state image input unit by providing an adjustment image to the image forming lens unit to be focused thereby on the solid state image input unit, a fixing and adjusting mechanism with a solid state image input unit operation portion that performs positioning adjustment of the solid state image input unit and fixes the solid state image input unit, and a calculation unit that calculates a position of the solid state image input unit based on photoelectrically converted data provided from the adjustment image focused on the solid state image input unit by the image forming lens unit

and provides the calculation result to the solid state image input unit position operation portion when position adjustment of the solid state image input unit is needed

Turning to the teachings and fair suggestions in Uchida, it is noted that Uchida has no teaching or suggestion of all of the subject matter of amended Claim 9. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion in Uchida of the amended Claim 9 recital of:

a calculation unit configured to calculate a position of at least the solid state image input unit based on photoelectrically converted data provided from the adjustment image focused on said solid state image input unit by said image forming lens unit and to provide the calculation result to at least said solid state image input unit position operation portion when position adjustment of said solid state image input unit is needed.

Accordingly, as Uchida does not teach or suggest all of the subject matter of amended Claim 9, the rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida presented in the outstanding Action is respectfully submitted to be overcome and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested as to amended Claim 9.

Moreover, as new Claims 10-15 all ultimately depend from amended Claim 9 and include all the subject matter thereof, it is respectfully submitted that these new claims patentably define over Uchida for at least the same reasons that amended Claim 9 does.

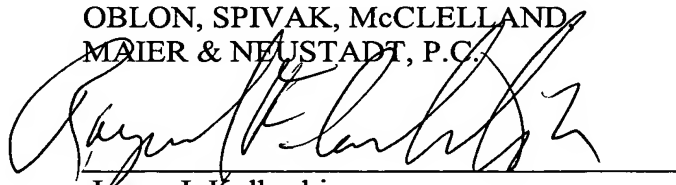
In addition, as new Claims 10-15 all introduce further features not taught or suggested by Uchida, these claims are respectfully submitted to patentably define over Uchida for this reason as well because they depend from amended Claim 9.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no further issues remain outstanding in the present application, and that this application is clearly in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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